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3 By Representatives Butler, Farley, Daniels, Blackshear, Hall,
4 Baker, Shiver, Polizos, Ingram, Hammon, Bracy, Jackson, Wood,
5 Alexander, Boyd, Sells, Beckman, Drummond, Clarke, Melton,
6 Carns, Drake, Brown, Fincher, Sanderford, Treadaway, Weaver,
7 Chesteen, Martin, Garrett, Crawford, Ledbetter, Clouse,
8 Ainsworth, Gaston, Moore (M), Rogers, McCutcheon, Johnson (K),
9 Jones, Collins, Nordgren, Faust, Davis, Fridy, Shedd, Scott,
10 Mooney, Rich, Patterson, Hurst, Johnson (R), Williams (JW),
11 Pettus, Hanes, Whorton (R), Harper, Williams (JD), Lawrence,
12 Beech, Knight, Greer, Holmes (A), Boothe, Ball, Bandy, Black,
13 Buskey, Coleman, England, Faulkner, Ford, Forte, Givan,
14 Grimsley, Harbison, Henry, Hill, Holmes (M), Howard, Lee,
15 Lindsey, McCampbell, McClammy, McMillan, Milligan, Moore (B),
16 Morrow, Poole, Pringle, Robinson, Rowe, Sessions, South,
17 Standridge, Todd, Tuggle, Wadsworth, Warren, Whorton (I),
18 Wilcox, Williams (P) and Wingo

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20 First Read: 18-AUG-16

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8 RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OFFICIAL
9 MOTTO OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
12 recognize the 60th Anniversary of the official motto of the
13 United States of America, "In God We Trust"; and

14 WHEREAS, believed to have originated in the song,
15 The Star-Spangled Banner, which was written during the War of
16 1812, this phrase appeared on twenty dollar notes issued in
17 1864; a Joint Resolution of the 84th Congress (P.L. 84-140)
18 and approved by President Dwight Eisenhower on July 30, 1956,
19 declared that the motto must appear on any currency issued by
20 the United States; and

21 WHEREAS, various currency designs were considered
22 and it was discovered in 1863 that currency designs could not
23 be changed without legislation; legislation was passed on
24 April 22, 1864, authorizing the U. S. Secretary of the
25 Treasury to include the phrase on one-cent coins and the motto
26 has been in continuous use on the U. S. one-cent coin since
27 1909; and

1 WHEREAS, the use of the motto has been interrupted
2 and even disappeared from various forms of U. S. currency and
3 coins until the 1956 legislation requiring the use of the
4 motto on all U.S. currency and coins; over the years, the use
5 of the motto has also been incorporated in numerous religious
6 and patriotic songs; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2006, on the 50th anniversary of its
8 adoption, the U. S. Senate reaffirmed "In God We Trust" as the
9 official national motto of the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, through the years, the official motto of
11 the United States, "In God We Trust" has endured legal
12 challenges and been upheld as being of patriotic or ceremonial
13 character and not an unconstitutional establishment of
14 religion; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we herein recognize the 60th
17 Anniversary of the official motto of the United States of
18 America as "In God We Trust" and urge all Alabamians to use
19 and support this official motto.